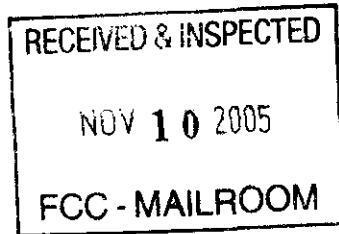




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Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Nextel Partners, Inc. E911 Petition for Waiver, FCC Docket No. 94-102**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

We serve the citizens of Escambia County, Florida with emergency services and have worked successfully with Nextel Partners and several other wireless carriers for several years to provide our citizens with prompt and reliable services. Nextel Partners is one of the most cooperative and reliable wireless carriers that we work with and keeps us apprised of E911 developments affecting our citizens. Nextel Partners informs us of potential E911 service problems and has a history of resolving them.

We understand that Nextel Partners is requesting a waiver of the Federal Communications Commission's December 31, 2005 95 percent Phase II handset penetration deadline. While we have an interest in as many wireless subscribers as possible having access to E911 service, we understand that carriers, such as Nextel Partners, cannot require customers to upgrade or buy new handsets. As public safety officials, we place the highest priority on reliable signal coverage in our area to guarantee our ability to reach people in need of public safety assistance. We commend Nextel Partners' past efforts in our community and are confident that the carrier is acting in good faith in seeking a limited waiver of the FCC's handset penetration benchmark.

If you should have any questions about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

George Touart  
County Administrator

c: Board of County Commissioners  
Janice Kilgore, Director of Public Safety

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